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SUBJECT: YOUTH PARA

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1. THE COUNTRY TEAM AGREES THAT CAREER POTENTIAL RATHER THAN BIOLOGICAL AGE OF TARGET GROUP IS A MUCH MORE VALUABLE CRITERION FOR PROGRAM PURPOSES. THE COUNTRY TEAM SUGGESTS THAT " YOUTH" BE DROPPED AS A PROGRAM DESIGNATOR IN FAVOR OF " POTENTIAL LEADER" OR SOMETHING SIMILAR.

2. REPLIES TO REFTEL FOLLOW:

I. YOUTH CATEGORIES -

A. 10 PERCENT - YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS

25 PERCENT- YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS

20 PERCENT - YOUNG BUREAUCRATS

5 PERCENT - YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN THE CHURCH

5 PERCENT - YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN LAW

15 PERCENT - YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

5 PERCENT - YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN EDUCATION

5 PERCENT - UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS

10 PERCENT - YOUNG FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION OF SELECTED UNIVERSITIES (CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND SUPERIOR NORMAL SCHOOLS).

B. RATIONALE: SELECTIONS ARE BASED ON THE RELATIVE CURRENT
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AND ANTICIPATED FUTURE IMPORTANCE OF THE SECTOR CHOSEN IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY, KEEPING IN MIND US INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES.

C. SHORT TERM YOUTH IMPACT - NO YOUTH GROUP, INSTITUTION OR CATEGORY IS EXPECTED TO HAVE ANY SIGNIFIANT IMPACT ON US INTERESTS IN THE NEXT TWO TO FOUR YEARS. THE SALVADORAN TRADITIONALIST POLITICAL LANDSCAPE HAS A DEARTH OF INSTITUTIONS. NEW INSTITUTIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO SPRING TO INFLUENCE OVERNIGHT NOR ARE POTENTIAL LEADERS EXPECTED TO DISPLACE CURRENT LEADERS IN EXISTING SECTORS IN THE INDICATED TIME FRAME.

II. OBJECTIVES

A. YOUTH OBJECTIVES --

50 PERCENT - ASSURE ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEADERSHIP

15 PERCENT - DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS

15 PERCENT - PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF US GOALS AND POLICIES

10 PERCENT - THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH CONTACTS

UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW INCIPIENT POLITICAL TRENDS IN SOCIETY.

10 PERCENT - COUNTER ACTIVITIES OF FORCES HOSTILE TO THE U. S.

B. THESE CHOICES ARE BASED ON CONSIDERATION OF US INTERESTS IN EL SALVADOR, THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH AND THE FEASIBILITY OF ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES.

III. RESOURCES

A. RESOURCES

30 PERCENT - CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS

20 PERCENT - AID TRAINING PROGRAM

10 PERCENT - MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAMS

10 PERCENT - DOD OR MAP ORIENTATION TOURS

20 PERCENT - USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING

B. IMPROVEMENTS - NO SUGGESTIONS.

C. PRIVATE RESOURCES - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LASTING CONTACT AND LIAISON BETWEEN MEMBERSHIP OF US PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND EX- GRANTEES OR STUDENTS WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO PROMOTING YOUTH PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.

D. PEACE CORPS - THE PEACE CORPS HAS NO ROLE IN THE OFFICIAL MISSION EFFORT TO ACHIEVE YOUTH OBJECTIVES.

IV. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH

A. THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE YOUTH PROGRAM IN TERMS OF OVERALL US INTERESTS IN THE HOST COUNTRY IS LOW.

B. SALVADORAN SOCIETY REMAINS BASICALL TRADITIONAL. THE DOMINANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS ARE RELATIVELY SOLIDLY ENTRENCHED. POTENTIAL LEADERS WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO EXERCISE INFLUENCE THROUGH EXISTING INSTITUTIONS AND HARMONIZE THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND INITIATIVES TO CONFORM TO A CERTAIN EXTENT WITH POLICIES ACCEPTABLE TO CURRENT LEADERS OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS.

C. PERCENTAGE OF US EFFORT WHICH SHOULD BE EARMARKED FOR YOUTH PROGRAM:

1. PERSONNEL TIME:

(A) PERSONNEL TIME: PERCENTAGE - 10 PERCENT; TOTAL MAN
MONTHS PER YEAR - 35.

(B) ALLOCATION

CONTACT WORK- 50 PERCENT

REPORTING - 10 PERCENT

PROGRAM WORK - 40 PERCENT

(C) DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY

STATE - 20 PERCENT

USIA - 20 PERCENT

AID - 20 PERCENT

DOD - 40 PERCENT

2. PROGRAM RESOURCES

CU BUDGET - 33 PERCENT

USIA BUDGET - 10 PERCENT

AID BUDGET - 1/2 PERCENT

MAP BUDGET - 7 PERCENT.

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